

September 24, 2012

Ms. Meenakshi Srinivasan
Chair
Board of Standards and Appeals
40 Rector Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10006-1705

Re: BSA Application #254-12-BZ

Dear Ms. Srinivasan:

Community Board 7 held a public hearing concerning BSA application #254-12-BZ, regarding 850 3rd Avenue (aka Federal Building #2), on September 12, 2012. Our Land Use/Landmarks Committee Chair presented a motion in favor of the application for a vote at our Board Meeting on September 19.

The motion carried by a vote of 31 – in favor of denial, 0 – opposed, with 3 – abstentions.

Our Board Members are very eager for the developer to move forward on this project, which will bring hundreds of jobs to our local community. We understand the necessity of the commercial component of the project in order to keep the manufacturing portion viable. Our Board has a strong working relationship with the development team and we are confident that their plans will have a tremendous positive impact on the local economy.

Thank you for this opportunity to share the Community Board's position on this matter. We hope that our position is taken into account when making BSA's determination on this application.

Sincerely,

Fred Xuereb
Chairman

Jeremy Laufer
District Manager

cc: Hon. Sara Gonzalez, Councilwoman